



Willoughby City Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL

MINUTES

15 May 2023

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**Minutes of an ordinary Council meeting
held on Monday, 15 May 2023
at the Council Chamber, Chatswood commencing at 7:00pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors

Tanya Taylor (Her Worship the Mayor)
Brendon Zhu (Deputy Mayor)
Georgie Roussac
Anna Greco
Roy McCullagh
John Moratelli
Hugh Eriksson (*Apology*)
Robert Samuel
Angelo Rozos
Sarkis Mouradian
Craig Campbell
Jam Xia

Officers

Debra Just (Chief Executive Officer)
Maxine Kenyon (Customer and Corporate Director)
Linda Perrine (Community, Culture & Leisure Director)
Hugh Phemister (Planning and Infrastructure Director)
Stephen Naven (Chief Financial Officer)
Ervina Lay (Corporate Performance Manager)
Natalie Taylor (Council & Corporate Support Officer)
Matthew Long (Network Support Officer)

1 OPEN MEETING**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Willoughby City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet today, the Gamaragal People, and their connections to land, waters, and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including those who may be in attendance today.

3 REFLECTION OR PRAYER**4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

That Council accept the leave of absence submitted by Councillor Eriksson for the 15 May 2023 Council meeting.

MOVED COUNCILLOR MCCULLAGH / SECONDED COUNCILLOR ZHU

CARRIED

Voting

For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Greco, McCullagh, Moratelli, Mouradian, Roussac, Rozos, Samuel, Wright, Xia and Zhu

Against: Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 April 2023, copies of which have been circulated to each member of Council, be confirmed.

MOVED COUNCILLOR MCCULLAGH / SECONDED COUNCILLOR XIA

CARRIED

Voting

For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Greco, McCullagh, Moratelli, Mouradian, Roussac, Rozos, Samuel, Xia and Zhu

Against: Councillor Wright

Note: Councillor Wright was absent from the Council meeting dated 26 April 2023.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

In accordance with Part 16 of the Code of Meeting Practice, all Councillors must disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting.

Nil

7 PETITIONS**8 OPEN AND PUBLIC FORUM****9 MAYORAL MINUTE****10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S LATE REPORT****11 MATTERS BY EXCEPTION****12 REPORTS TO COUNCIL****CUSTOMER & CORPORATE DIRECTORATE****12.1 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/24****MOTION**

That Council:

1. Endorse for public exhibition the draft *Operational Plan 2023/24*, which incorporates the annual budget, revenue policy and fees and charges.
2. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the *Operational Plan 2023/24* which do not alter the purpose or intent of the plans.
3. Note that a report to Council will be provided on 26 June 2023 with the outcomes of the public exhibition and seek adoption of the *Operational Plan 2023/24*.
4. Thank the staff for their work done to prepare these documents.

MOVED COUNCILLOR SAMUEL / SECONDED COUNCILLOR ROZOS

CARRIED

Voting

For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Greco, McCullagh, Moratelli, Mouradian, Roussac, Rozos, Samuel, Wright, Xia and Zhu

Against: Nil

Notes:

1. Councillor Samuel left the meeting at 7:23pm and returned at 7:24pm.
2. Councillor Moratelli left the meeting at 7:28pm and returned at 7:29pm.

12.2 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Endorse for public exhibition the draft *Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033*, noting:
 - this references a Special Rate Variation of 15-20% as a possible option from 2024/25
 - that a decision to make a Special Rate Variation application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal will be made following extensive community consultation and occur at the end of 2023
 - reword or remove the last paragraph of page 26 of the Long Term Financial Plan
 - revisions are required to the text to clarify the rationale between the proposed increase and highlight the savings Council has made and the buffer for uncertainties and other relevant matters in the Long Term Financial Plan
2. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the *Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033* which do not alter the purpose or intent of the plans.
3. Note that a report to Council will be provided on 26 June 2023 with the outcomes of the public exhibition and seek adoption of the *Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033*.
4. Noting that the above preserves the option of Council to apply for a Special Rate Variation, receive a briefing focused on more detailed options for reducing expenditure (including service level trade-offs) and increasing revenue prior to Council resolving its position on an SRV.

MOVED COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL / SECONDED COUNCILLOR XIA

CARRIED

Voting

For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Greco, McCullagh, Moratelli, Mouradian, Roussac, Rozos, Samuel, Wright, Xia and Zhu

Against: Nil

Note: Councillor Rozos left the meeting at 8:03pm and returned at 8:06pm.

16 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting concluded at 08:11pm.

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 May 2023. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Mayor Tanya Taylor